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55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING NEW MEXICO COUNTY MANAGERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH ANIMAL SHELTERS, ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS IN NEW MEXICO'S ANIMAL SHELTERING SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, a worthy goal of New Mexico residents is to save the lives of all of the healthy, adoptable dogs and cats housed in the counties in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, more than six thousand dogs and cats were killed in New Mexico animal shelters, while New Mexico saved four thousand six hundred twenty-three more animals in 2020 than in 2019, according to the best friends animal society; and

WHEREAS, a no-kill community is generally defined as

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1 saving ninety percent or more of the cats and dogs coming
2 through the sheltering system; and

3 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to ensure that every shelter
4 has the resources to save every dog and cat that can be saved;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexicans want to help bring about positive
7 change for the dogs and cats in the care and possession of all
8 county shelters in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, there are positive changes that can be made to
10 increase lifesaving at all shelters and animal welfare
11 facilities throughout New Mexico in order to save all of the
12 healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in the care and possession of
13 those facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive plan to save
15 the lives of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in New Mexico's
16 animal sheltering system would be worthwhile and beneficial;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico
19 county managers and other interested parties be requested to
20 convene a task force to develop a comprehensive plan to save
21 the lives of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in New Mexico's
22 animal sheltering system; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a goal be set to save the
24 lives of all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats at all
25 shelters and animal welfare facilities throughout New Mexico no

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1 later than December 31, 2025; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico county managers
3 work in collaboration with animal shelters, animal welfare
4 organizations and interested individuals and organizations to
5 develop a comprehensive plan to reach this goal and present
6 that plan to the appropriate interim legislative committee by
7 May 1, 2022; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the managers of New Mexico's thirty-three
10 counties and humane society offices in New Mexico.